

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE WHITLEY CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS
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COUNTY OF WHITLEY)

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED RULE ON
LOCAL CASELOAD PLAN
June 4, 2020**

In accordance with Trial Rule 81 of the Indiana Court Rules, the Whitley Circuit and Superior Court give notice to the bar and the public that the courts propose to amend Local Rule at **LR92-AR1-1** on **Local Caseload Plan**. New language is indicated by underlining.

The time period for the bar and the public to comment shall begin on June 4, 2020 and shall close on July 6, 2020.

Comments by the bar and the public should be made in writing and mailed, or emailed, to:

Honorable Matthew J. Rentschler, Judge of the Whitley Circuit Court, Attn: Public Comment on Local Rules, Whitley County Courthouse, 101 West Van Buren Street, Columbia City, IN 46725; or mjr@whitleygov.com.

A paper copy of the proposed new local rule will be made available for viewing in the office of the Clerk of Whitley County, Whitley County Courthouse, 101 West Van Buren Street, Columbia City, IN 46725 during normal business hours, or on the Clerk's website.

The effective date of the amended caseload plan will be on Supreme Court approval.

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Matthew J. Rentschler, Judge
Whitley Circuit Court

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Douglas Fahl, Judge
Whitley Superior Court

LR92-AR1-1 LOCAL CASELOAD PLAN

1. The judge of the Whitley County Circuit Court may, with the consent of the judge of the Whitley Superior Court, transfer any action or proceeding from the Circuit Court to the Superior Court. The judge of the Whitley Superior Court may, with the consent of the judge of the Whitley Circuit Court, transfer any action or proceeding from the Whitley Superior Court to the Whitley Circuit Court. Other Local Rules previously filed with the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court establish rules for the filing of criminal cases in the courts of Whitley County. The judges of Whitley County shall meet at least as often as annually to review the workload and caseload of each judge and court and then transfer, if necessary, such cases or judges between the courts as shall substantially equalize the workload of each of the judges of Whitley County.
2. Beginning July 1, 2017, to improve a discrepancy in the caseload, the courts and clerk shall require that all Civil Collections and Mortgage Foreclosure cases be filed in the Whitley Superior Court.
3. Beginning on Supreme Court approval, to improve a discrepancy in the caseload, the courts and clerk shall require that all Divorces with Children be filed in the Whitley Circuit Court.

(Amended effective on July __, 2020)